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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
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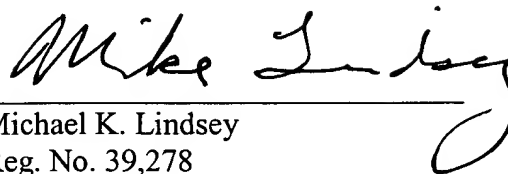
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month to and including January 15, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 15, 2003.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct the \$55.00 small entity fee for a one month extension of time from Howrey Simon Arnold & White, LLP Deposit Account 08-30308/07942.0009.NPUS00.

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